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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A process for decreasing the amount of sulfur in a petroleum stream.

1. A process for decreasing the amount of sulfur in a petroleum stream, comprising the steps of: (a) contacting the petroleum stream with a catalyst; (b) heating the catalyst to a temperature of about 300°C to 400°C; (c) contacting the catalyst with the petroleum stream; (d) separating the catalyst from the petroleum stream; (e) regenerating the catalyst; and (f) repeating steps (a) through (e) until the catalyst is deactivated.